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A Valuable Commission.

The Senate Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds proposes an investigation into the needs of the District which promises to have great value. It is an inquiry by a commission of Congressmen into the relative merits of the several propositions made this past year for extending the parking system of the Capital. At the beginning of the next session, according to present plans, a report shall be ready setting forth the needs of the District and proposing a definite plan for acquiring such parcels of the ground designated as the commission shall deem advisable.

Fortunately for the clerks in the three departments, the Capital, and the country, this project does not delay action on the Senate's proposition to buy ground for buildings to house the Department of State, the Department of Justice, and the Department of Commerce and Labor. The Senate has not been in the least dissuaded by the disapproval of the House from its very business-like action in that respect. Unless present indications fail, Senator Scott will stand as strongly for that item as the House conferees are likely to stand for the many post-offices and customs houses allotted by the omnibus public building bill throughout the country.

But the situation as to new parks for Washington is vastly different. Certain legislators have inclined to the acquisition of ground for bringing Rock Creek Park to Massachusetts avenue. Others sought to have Meridian Hill bought before it was covered with buildings. Others endeavored to locate a considerable park across the Eastern branch. All three propositions had the hearty approval of the Commissioners.

To them, the Times adds the suggestion that small reservations be obtained for the adornment and health of the northeast and southwest—the northwest and southeast being now fairly well supplied. Still another project is that proposed by Representative Rodenberg, who very wisely apprehends the frustration of the Park Commission plans for the new railway terminals if the few blocks of ground intervening between the Union Station and the Capitol are not acquired by the Government and converted into an attractive vista. Both of these considerations should be weighed by the commission also.

Every one of these plans has distinct merit. Perhaps all of them should be adopted with as little delay as possible. But, in any case, no committee of Congressmen could hope to examine into them, determine their relative value, and provide sufficiently safe-guarded methods of acquiring the land in the hurry-up, end-of-the-session hours which remain. A commission empowered and directed to do this work thoroughly promises far more valuable results to the District.

Waiting on the Speaker.

The pure food bill is almost on the statute books, and there is no longer a quarrel about that. But there is another very important bill which is sleeping in the House, and which the Speaker could put through if he desired. It is a bill that needs only to be presented to the House for its consideration; very few members would dare vote against it. Reference is made to the Tillman corrupt practices bill, which was passed by the Senate, and which is now pigeon-holed in the House. So good and regular a party organ as the New York Tribune has this to say about the status of this very important measure:

Congress should pass at once the bill forbidding corporations to contribute money in connection with any election at Presidential, Congressional or Representative elections. This is a reform which public opinion demands, and there is no good reason why it should not have its first trial in the approaching Congressional campaign. Delay in legislation against corrupt practices will only suggest evasion, and such a charge will prove embarrassing to meet in the present temper of the voters.

Does the Speaker forget the disclosures of the insurance investigation? Is he afraid that, should this bill forbidding campaign contributions by corporations become a law, the Republican majority in Congress might be reduced because of the inability of the Congressional committee to fry the fat? Perhaps it might be more expedient to let

the bill go over until next session, and thereby leave Chairman Sherman unhampered in the collection of campaign funds. But would it really be either the square or the politic thing to do? The Speaker should not forget President Roosevelt's last message to Congress, in which he said:

All contributions by corporations to any political committee should be forbidden by law.

Mr. Speaker, it is "up to" you to pass the Tillman bill—to pass it at this session of Congress.

Some Striking Changes.

The Senate has done much, in the long session now ending, to rehabilitate itself in the public confidence. It comes out of the greatest test in many years, with a record of independence, progressiveness, and devotion to real public interests which cannot but discourage the annals of its "treason."

In its organization, the Senate is essentially oligarchic. Despite the clamor of many years about Senatorial delay and heedlessness of popular wishes, the upper body has this session vindicated its rules. It has proved itself capable of constructive statesmanship. The House, on the other hand, has proved itself largely incapable of such accomplishment.

Anybody who has read the newspapers can number on his fingers the men who have done the determinative work of the House this session; but no man can do that as to the Senate. Representatives have been bossed; Senators have co-operated. The latter can hardly even be said to have been led.

The House, under whip and spur and promise of pork, passed a Statehood bill it did not like; and the Senate had to make it over.

The House passed a milk-and-water railroad rate bill; and the Senate put teeth and horns and vitality into it.

The Senate passed a meat inspection measure—passed it so promptly that the House was forced to be the deliberative body in considering it. But there is only too much reason to fear that the House considered it too much. As the bill went to conference it lacked two important principles which the Senate had approved in spite of its haste. If they are lost now—if the Government must pay the cost of inspection and the labels do not give dates—the Senate will get full credit for having done its part and the House will get full blame for not having done its part.

The Senate passed a pure food bill, and sent it to the House, where all arrangements were made to smother it. The plan would have succeeded but for exposure by the press, forcing the hand of the House leaders. Then the bill was brought out and passed, and went to conference. In conference the Senate strengthened it.

It is not the House as a whole that is at fault. It is the House methods. It is the system under which a little group of men are vested with the sovereignty of the great popular branch. Perhaps Speaker Cannon and his lieutenants have done as well as possible under the system. If so, they have merely piled up proof that the system is open to the most serious objection.

In the comparison of accomplishments, of responsiveness to public interest, of statesmanly capacity, of honesty of purpose, the Senate has this session far outshone the House. To make proclamation of this is a pleasure, for the restoration of the Senate to public confidence is a most auspicious event. Nothing will so soon accomplish the re-popularization of the once popular branch as the admission of the supremacy of the Senate in the things that earn title to confidence.

SPRING CALL OF THE SARDINE.

"A delicate, faint squeakin", like the squeak of mice, said the sailor. "The sound come from the dyin' sardines."

"I don't believe it." "You don't believe it? Well, that shows yer ignorance," the mariner resumed. "It shows ye never been to Brittany. They're preparin' for the sardine season in Brittany now, same as in Philadelphia—they're preparin' for the sardine season."

"The sardines appears on the French coast every year. In May. Their course is invariably the same. In March and April they follow the Adriatic and Mediterranean shores, goin' west. They go through the Straits of Gibraltar. They come to the coast of Portugal. The spring and summer seas 'em off France, and the early autumn finds 'em in English and Scotch waters."

"I don't see a lot of Brittany sardine fishin' in Concarneau in '99. We used to fish five to a boat. Our nets was hand-drawn, and we used to haul 'em in by hand. The intestines of the fish called 'em sardines. We hauled 'em in, dumped 'em in the sun, boiled 'em a couple of minutes in big cauldrons o' sweet oil, and packed 'em in tin boxes and sold 'em."

"We set the nets. We throwed overboard handfuls of the vile bait, and if luck was with us the blue water turned silver-colored and quivered with millions of sardines. We hauled 'em in, dumped 'em in the sun, boiled 'em a couple of minutes in big cauldrons o' sweet oil, and packed 'em in tin boxes and sold 'em."

"On the clean white sand, under the blue sky, in the pleasant weather, the Breton women worked, a hundred or more of them, cuttin' off the sardines' heads, washin' the salt off 'em, dryin' 'em in the sun, boilin' 'em a couple of minutes in big cauldrons o' sweet oil, and packed 'em in tin boxes and sold 'em."

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Miss Fannie Josephine De Pue and Roy Chester Glass were married last night at the home of the bride's parents, Major and Mrs. Hanson J. De Pue, 1706 R street northwest, at 8 o'clock. The Rev. Dr. Ross Fishburn, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Congregational Church, was the officiating clergyman. The lower floor of the house was prettily decorated with ferns, white roses, and marguerites, and the bay window of the drawing room formed an attractive background for the bridal party.

Charles Prentiss played the Lohengrin wedding music as the bride entered the room with her father, Major De Pue, who gave his daughter in marriage. Her bridal costume was a becoming gown of white silk messaline and chiffon, trimmed with imported rose point lace. She wore no veil and carried a bouquet of white bride roses. Both the bride and bridegroom were unattended.

After the ceremony the bridal party held a small reception to the family and close friends during which a buffet supper was served. Mrs. De Pue, mother of the bride, wore a handsome black net dress over silk.

Mr. Glass is the son of Mrs. Rose Glass, of this city and the late William Lewis Glass. He was formerly in the Patent Office here but is now patent attorney for the National Cash Register Company of Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Glass have gone to Boston and New York by sea and for an extended Northern wedding trip, during which they will live in Dayton, Ohio. When they left the city Mrs. Glass wore a blue tulle traveling suit and a blue hat.

Miss Martha Adeline Allison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Allison and Wallace Newton Montague, of Detroit, was married last night at the Grace M. E. Church, at Ninth and S streets northwest, the Rev. Dr. Joseph Edmund Smith officiating.

Miss Allison had as her maid of honor a cousin of the bridegroom, Miss Bess Judd, of Clifton Springs, N. Y., who wore a gown of white net over yellow silk and carried a shower of yellow silk and white ribbons.

The two bridesmaids, Miss Edna Davis and Miss Annette Smith, wore dainty gowns of green and white and carried big bunches of maidenhair ferns.

Frank L. Ellis, of Baltimore, J. Foster Allison, brother of the bride, Morgan Boyce, and Philip Terry were the ushers. The bride, who came into the church with her father, Joseph F. Allison, and preceded by the maid of honor, bridesmaids, and ushers, wore a stylish gown of white silk crepe with a long veil fastened to her hair with a wreath of lilies of the valley, white she carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and forget-me-nots.

Mr. Montague had as his best man, Dr. Archie Preston, of Scranton, Pa. He met the bridal party at the altar where they stood before a pretty background of palms.

After the wedding at the church the bridal party held a reception at the home of the bride's parents, 54 Florida avenue northwest, to the family and personal friends.

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Miss Elsie Virginia Moore, daughter of the late Hugh Moore, and Mrs. Mary Virginia Moore, was married to Melvin A. Wertz, last evening, at 8 o'clock, at the residence of her mother, 463 P street northwest.

The wedding was a simple one, only the family being present at the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Carl G. Doney, Ph. D., pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which both Mr. and Mrs. Wertz are members. The decorations, which consisted principally of palms and roses, were tastefully arranged, the bay windows being banked with palms and other plants.

The bride was attired in white crepe de chine, and carried a shower bouquet of bride roses, her only ornament being a diamond and pearl pendant. She was attended by her sister, Miss Sara Olivia Moore, who wore a becoming gown of white crepe de chine, and carried a shower bouquet of white roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Wertz left on a late train for a wedding trip and will be in Cleveland, Ohio, where they will be entertained by the parents of the groom, at Dalton, Ohio, after which they will return to a house at D. C., where they will reside.

The bride was born in Salem, Ill., and came to this city with her parents in her childhood. She is gifted with a charming personality which has won for her many warm and sincere friends.

Mr. Wertz is a native of Ohio, his ancestors being among the first settlers of that State. He came to this city sixteen years ago and accepted a responsible position in the United States Treasury Department, where he is held in high esteem. He is prominent in Masonic circles in this city, being a Master of the Grand Lodge, and is at present the Worthy Patron of Esther Chapter, No. 5, Order of the Eastern Star.

At 8 o'clock Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's mother, 1432 Q street, occurred the marriage of Miss Olivia Kerndt, Salina, Col., to Otto Haas, Chicago, Junior member of the firm of Benis & Calfee, Cleveland, Ohio.

The bride wore a gown of white Brussels net, made princess, over white silk, with point lace, over white silk, and carried lilies of the valley. There were no attendants. Prof. Holst's orchestra played the wedding march from Lohengrin and incidental music during the ceremony, the bride standing in an alcove banked with palms. The parlors and dining room were charmingly decorated with ferns and cut flowers. A buffet supper was served at the reception which followed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Calfee have gone for a trip over the Great Lakes and will be at home after August 15 at 114 East Prospect street, Cleveland.

The guests from out of town who attended the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Morris Kerndt, Salina, Col.; Otto Haas, Chicago; Theodore and Robert Kerndt, Miss Olive Kerndt, Lansing, Iowa; Miss Evelyn Kalk, Palau, Va.; Miss Chap, New York City.

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The interior of the church was decorated with a profusion of palms and an especially attractive feature of the wedding was the musical program rendered by Prof. Bischoff. The program consisted of the overture "William Tell," Handel's "Largo," the march from Tannhauser, and Gounod's "Ave Maria," sung by Mrs. Bischoff. Prof. Bischoff played the Lohengrin wedding music as the bride entered the church, during the ceremony the third act of Faust and after the Mendelssohn bridal procession.

Walter L. Tenny, Samuel Mattison, Walter Plumby, Harry Moran, S. E. Lander, of South Carolina, and J. Walsh were the ushers and led the bridal procession up the aisle. There were no bridesmaids but Miss Gertrude Carroll, of Philadelphia, and Miss Carolyn Slack, of Boston, were the maids of honor. They wore dainty frocks of white batiste and net with white aigrettes in their hair and carried white sweet peas.

Miss Rowe entered the church with her father, George M. Rowe, who gave her away. Her gown was of white chiffon with a long train and a long veil. Her long tulle veil was fastened with a wreath of lilies of the valley and her bouquet was a shower of lilies.

Mr. Thomas met the bridal party at the altar with his best man, Arthur K. Weiss, of Cincinnati. Immediately after the ceremony which was performed by the Rev. Dr. Newman, pastor of the church, the bridal party held a reception in the parlor of the church. Later in the evening the bridal party and the immediate family attended a small supper at the home of the bride's parents.

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The bride's traveling suit was a becoming eton costume of pastel blue with shoes and gloves of the same shade and a rose hat.

Miss Lena Ludington and Robert H. Bodell, the latter of Belfast, Ireland, were married last evening by the Rev. Dr. Doernmann, of the Grace Lutheran Church, at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Charles Ludington, 57 S street northwest.

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MISS MERSHEMER WEDS MR. MALTBY

Pretty Home Ceremony Performed in Presence of Large Company.

BAY WINDOW FLORAL BOWER

Palms, Roses, and Sweet Peas Dominate in the Decorative Scheme.

An unusually attractive wedding took place last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Mersheimer, 427 Tenth street northeast, when their daughter, Miss Sara Agnes Mersheimer became the wife of Fred Allen Maltby.

The entire lower floor of the house was prettily decorated with palms, roses and sweet peas and a large bay window where the ceremony took place was banked with palms.

The Rev. Dr. Enoch Thompson was the officiating clergyman and Miss Viola Schipert played Mendelssohn's wedding march as the bridal party entered the drawing room.

Miss Mersheimer came into the drawing room with her father who gave her away and preceded by her sister, Miss Mayme Mersheimer, as maid of honor, who wore a dainty frock of pink flowered organza and carried a big shower bouquet of pink sweet peas. Mr. Maltby had as his best man, Albert McKenzie.

The bride's dress was beautifully embroidered Swiss made with a long train and elaborately trimmed with German valencienne lace. She wore no veil but carried an immense shower of white sweet peas and wore in her hair a wreath of white sweet peas. Her only ornament was a diamond brooch